



Today's Daf In Review is being sent l'zecher nishmas Habachur Yechezkel Shraga A"H ben R' Avrohom Yehuda

Taanis Daf Ches

- **Reish Lakish** said based on a pasuk, if you see a student who is having a very difficult time with his learning, it is because he does not have the Mishnayos properly organized in his mind. He should therefore spend more time learning the Mishnayos. It would have been much better had he learned the Mishnayos properly to begin with. **Reish Lakish** would learn the Mishnayos 40 times, corresponding to the 40 days that the Torah was given, before learning the Gemara from **R' Yochanan**. **R' Ada bar Ahava** would learn the Mishnayos 24 times, corresponding to the 24 sefarim in Tanach, before learning the Gemara from **Rava**.
- **Rava** said based on a pasuk, if you see a student who is having a very difficult time with his learning, it is because his rebbi is not showing him a “good face” (likely because he did not act properly to the rebbi). What he should do, is have his friends intercede on his behalf with the rebbi, to try and change that. It would have been much better if he would have acted properly to begin with.
- **R' Ami** said based on a pasuk, if there is a generation where rain and dew is being withheld, it is because people are not davening properly. They should go to one who does daven properly, and ask him to daven for them. If this person’s tefillos are not answered, they should go to the most pious of the generation and ask him to daven for them. If his tefilla is answered and this causes him to become haughty, that brings Hashem’s anger onto the world.
 - **Rava** said based on this pasuk, if 2 talmidei chachomim of the same city are not pleasant to each other regarding Halacha, they bring Hashem’s anger onto themselves.
- **Reish Lakish** said based on a pasuk, at the “end of time” all the animals will go to the snake and say, “We all benefit when we bite because we eat our kill. You do not do so, so why do you bite and kill!?” The snake will answer, “What benefit does one who speaks lashon harah have, and yet he speaks it!?”
- **R' Ami** said based on a pasuk, a person’s tefilla is not answered unless he places his “soul in his hands” (it is done sincerely).
 - **Q: Shmuel** once darshened that Hashem even accepts insincere tefillos!? **A:** This is only when the tefilla is said with a tzibbur.
- **R' Ami** said based on a pasuk, rain only comes for the sake of people who are honest in business.
 - **R' Ami** said, we see how great trust in Hashem is from the story of the well and the weasel (a boy and girl promised to marry and said that a passing weasel and a well should act as witness to the promise. When the boy married someone else, he had one child die from a weasel bite and one die by falling into a well). If trust in these objects can go so far, how much more so for trust in Hashem.
- **R' Yochanan** said based on a pasuk, if one betters himself, he is dealt with more strictly in Heaven (so as to cleanse him of any aveiros).
- **R' Yehoshua ben Levi** said based on a pasuk, if one happily accepts yisurim, he brings salvation to the world.
- **Reish Lakish** explained that the word of “*v'atzar* es hashamayim” refers to a situation where the sky has clouds with rain, but the rain does not come out – like a woman who is pregnant but cannot give birth.
 - We find the terms “atzar”, “leidah” and “pekida” used by pesukim in reference to rain and in reference to women.

- A Braisa based on a pasuk says, there is a box in Heaven filled with water, which is where the rain comes from.
- **R' Shmuel bar Nachmeini** said based on a pasuk, if Hashem decreed rains to come down in a destructive manner, but teshuva was then done, He makes that rain go on the mountains, where they will not harm anybody. When He decrees for the rain to fall with chessed, it falls nicely onto the fields. Also, if Hashem decreed rains to come down in a destructive manner, but teshuva was then done, He makes that rain go on the trees, which need that strong rain. If He decrees that it go for "His land", it comes down nice for the seeds in the field. If He decrees that the rain come with "chessed", it comes down in a way to fill the wells and water storage holes.
 - In the days of **R' Shmuel bar Nachmeini** there was once a hunger and a deadly plague. The people said we can't daven for both things at the same time, so let's daven for the plague to stop and bear the suffering of the hunger. **R' Shmuel bar Nachmeini** said, let's daven that Hashem provide food, because He will not provide food for dead people, so He will help us with both things.
 - **Q:** How do we know that we can't daven for 2 things at the same time? **A:** A pasuk says "We davened to Hashem for *this*". This suggests that there was something else to daven for as well, but they did not daven for that at that time.
 - In the days of **R' Zeira** the government decreed against keeping religion and decreed against fasting. **R' Zeira** said, let us accept a fast upon ourselves which we will fast after the decree is overturned. We see this is effective from the pasuk where the Malach told Daniel that his fasts were accepted from when he accepted them upon himself.
- **R' Yitzchak** said, even in years of terrible drought, rain on Friday is a bad sign from Heaven (it totally disrupts people's busy day of preparation).
 - **Ameimar** said, if rain wasn't so necessary, I would daven that it never come (because it disrupts people's ability to get around and take care of what must be done).
 - **R' Yitzchak** said based on a pasuk, sunshine on Shabbos is a kindness for the poor people,
 - **R' Yitzchak** said based on a pasuk, a day of rain is so great that even money in the pocket (things that don't need rain) is blessed.
 - **R' Yitzchak** said based on a pasuk, blessing is only found on items that are covered from the eyes (it is not yet counted).
 - A Braisa taught in **R' Yishmael's** yeshiva said this as well.
 - A Braisa says, when someone enters his silo to measure his produce, he should say a tefilla asking Hashem to give bracha to the grain (increase it). Once it is measured, he should only give thanks to Hashem for having given bracha. If one davens for bracha at that point, it is a pointless tefilla, because bracha is only found in unmeasured items.
- **R' Yochanan** said based on a pasuk, the day of rain is as great as the day of the end of galus.
- **R' Yochanan** said based on a pasuk, the day of rain is so great, since even the armies stop their movement on such a day.
- **R' Yochanan** said based on a pasuk, rain is only withheld because of people who publicly promise to give tzedaka, and don't redeem their pledge.
- **R' Yochanan** said, the pasuk says "aser te'aser". This means, give maser, and through that you will become wealthy.
 - **Reish Lakish's** son asked (his uncle) **R' Yochanan**, how do we know this is so? He told him, go and test it, and you will see it is true. The boy asked, we learn from a pasuk that one is not supposed to "test" Hashem!? **R' Yochanan** said, this is one exception where one is allowed to do so, as **R' Hoshaya** says based on a pasuk which says Hashem will give so much "ahd bli dai".
 - **Q:** What does "ahd bli dai" mean? **A:** **Rami bar Chama in the name of Rav** said, it means Hashem will give so much that our lips will be tired from saying "we have enough".

- The boy then told **R' Yochanan**, if I would have learned that pasuk used by **R' Hoshaya**, I would not have needed you or your rebbi, **R' Hoshaya**.
- Another time this boy answered a question that **R' Yochanan** had regarding a pasuk. **R' Yochanan** lifted his eyes to look at him. The boy's mother (**R' Yochanan's** sister) came and took the boy away, saying, "Get away so that he does not do to you as he did to your father" (**R' Yochanan** once looked at **Reish Lakish** (when he was upset at him) and thereby caused him to die).